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AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY SANA

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AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - APRIL 10

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE  
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR APRIL 10, 1978.  
FYI ONLY SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS MR. TOM RESTON.

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Q. I HAVE A QUESTION FOLLOWING UP THE STATEMENT YOU  
APPARENTLY PUT OUT ON SATURDAY ABOUT THE ISRAELI USE OF  
CBU'S IN LEBANON. ARE THERE SPECIFIC DIFFERENT RESTRICTIONS  
ATTACHED TO THE USE OF THE CBU'S, DIFFERENT FROM THE  
REST OF THE GENERAL RESTRICTIONS IN THE ARMS CONTROL EXPORT  
ACT?

A. YES.

Q. AND WHAT ARE THEY?

A- I AM REALLY NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO WHAT THOSE SPECIFIC  
RESTRICTIONS ARE. I CANT GO INTO DETAILS, BUT ISRAEL'S  
USE OF THE CBU'S IN ITS RECENT MILITARY OPERATION IN  
LEBANON WAS CONTRARY TO THOSE RESTRICTIONS. ON BACKGROUND--  
I MIGHT SAY THAT THOSE RESTRICTIONS WERE NOT LIMITED  
STRICTLY TO TARGETS. NOW I AM BACK ON THE RECORD  
AGAIN.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS, I DONT UNDERSTAND, BUT MAYBE THIS  
WILL CLEAR IT UP -- ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS IN ADDITION  
TO GEOGRAPHIC USE OF THE BOMBS ACROSS A BORDER, DO THEY

ALSO DEAL WITH THIS KIND OF TARGET? IN OTHER WORDS, DO THEY BAN THE USE OF CBU'S AGAINST CIVILIAN TARGETS, FOR EXAMPLE?

A. AS I SAY, I CANT GO INTO THE DETAILS OTHER THAN WHAT I HAVE PROVIDED YOU ON BACKGROUND JUST NOW. BUT ISRAEL HAS GIVEN US ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD OBSERVE CERTAIN SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THIS PARTICULAR WEAPON SYSTEM.

Q. AND DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT PLAN TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS VIOLATION?

A. WE ARE HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH A VIEW TO ASSURING THAT THOSE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE OBSERVED IN THE FUTURE.

Q. BUT IT WONT AFFECT ANY DELIVERIES OF FUTURE CBU'S?

A. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ISRAEL IS REQUIRED UNDER THE LAW, AS THE SECRETARY SAID IN HIS LETTER TO THE HILL THE OTHER DAY.

Q. WHERE ARE THESE DISCUSSIONS GOING ON? AND WHEN DID THEY BEGIN?

A. I DONT KNOW.

Q. THERE IS AN ISRAELI DENIAL HERE IN WASHINGTON. I THINK THE EMBASSY HERE SAID IT KNEW NOTHING OF ANY DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

A. I DONT WANT TO SPEAK TO WHAT THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS SAID HERE, BUT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING. I DONT KNOW WHERE.

Q. I TAKE IT THEN THAT THEY ARE GOING ON IN JERUSALEM OR IN TEL AVIV?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF WHERE THEY ARE GOING ON. I JUST DONT KNOW, BUT THEY ARE GOING ON.

Q. YOU SAID IN SOME INSTANCES THEY WERENT USED AGAINST TARGETS?

A. NO. I SAID THAT ISRAEL HAD GIVEN US ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD ABIDE BY CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS IN THE USE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS PARTICULAR WEAPON SYSTEM. AND ON BACKGROUND, I SAID THAT THOSE RESTRICTIONS, WHILE I COULDNT GO INTO THE DETAILS, WERE NOT LIMITED SOLELY TO THE QUESTION OF TARGETTING. NOW I AM ON THE RECORD.

Q. ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL US BY THAT THAT THERE IS SOME SORT OF CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WHICH HAS TO TAKE PLACE WITH THE AMERICANS BEFORE THE USE OF THESE IS APPROVED?

A. NO. I AM NOT SUGGESTING IN ANY WAY WHAT THE RESTRICTIONS ARE. I CANT GO INTO THE DETAILS OF WHAT THE RESTRICTIONS ARE, OR WHETHER THEY WOULD INCLUDE SOME SORT OF CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. I CANT COMMENT ON THAT.

Q. WHEN WERE THESE ASSURANCES GIVEN AND WHEN WERE THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED?

A. ITS MY UNDERSTANDING, AT THE SAME TIME.

Q. ALL RIGHT. WHEN?

A. WHEN WE FIRST AGREED TO SUPPLY THE WEAPONS SYSTEM.

Q. WHEN?

A. I DONT KNOW WHEN THAT WAS.

Q. COULD YOU FIND THAT OUT?

A. YES. AND I ALSO WANT TO CHECK MYSELF AS TO WHEN THESE ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN BY THE ISRAELIS.

Q. ALSO, I DONT UNDERSTAND THE BACKGROUND COMMENT THAT WAS OFFERED HERE, RESTRICTIONS NOT LIMITED STRICTLY TO

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TARGETS. WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

A. IM TRYING TO SUGGEST -- AND IM IN THE UNFORTUNATE POSITION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DETAIL THIS FOR YOU, BUT THERE WAS A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THIS WEAPONS SYSTEM, AND THEY ARE NOT LIMITED SOLELY TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT TARGETS THEY COULD BE USED

AGAINST. THERE ARE OTHER RESTRICTIONS AS WELL.

Q. YOU MEAN THE LOCATION OF THE TARGETS?

A. THERE ARE OTHER RESTRICTIONS AS WELL.

Q. OR DO YOU MEAN THE TYPE OF ACTION?

A. I WILL HAVE TO CHECK THAT FOR YOU.

Q. TO MAKE SURE WE'RE CLEAR ON GROUND RULES HERE, IS THAT ON BACKGROUND?

A. YES. ANYTHING IM SAYING WITH REGARD TO TARGETS IS ON BACKGROUND. ANYTHING ELSE IVE BEEN SAYING IS ON THE RECORD.

Q. DID NOT THE AGREEMENT STATE THAT THE USE OF CBU'S WOULD BE FOR ALL-OUT WAR?

A. I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THOSE RESTRICTIONS FOR YOU. VANCE

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